



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/046,800

Applicant: ROZIER et al.

Filed: January 15, 2002

Art Unit: 3764

Examiner: Odland, Kathryn P.

Title: SITE GUARD FOR INTRAVENOUS
SITES AND OTHER SENSITIVE
AREAS

Docket No.: 02936979

Customer No.: 26565

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" "Express Mail" mailing label number EL 989700828 US Date of Deposit: February 14, 2005 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee: Tim Hubalik</p> <p> Signature</p>
--

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

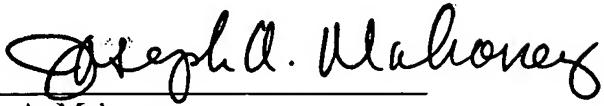
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the following for the above-captioned application:

1. An Amendment in Response to the December 13, 2004 Office Action; and
2. Return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required under Rule 1.17 concerning this transaction, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0019.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Mahoney
Reg. No. 38,956

Date: February 14, 2005

MAYER, BROWN, ROWE & MAW LLP
P.O. Box 2828
Chicago, Illinois 60690-2828
Telephone: (312) 701-7174
Facsimile: (312) 706-9000



02-15-05

AP 3743
JF
A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/046,800
Applicant: ROZIER et al.
Filed: January 15, 2002
Art Unit: 3743
Examiner: ODLAND, Kathryn P.
Title: SITE GUARD FOR INTRAVENOUS
SITES AND OTHER SENSITIVE
AREAS
Docket No.: 02936979

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 13, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004. The original period of response to the Office Action is a statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Therefore, this response is timely filed if filed on or before March 13, 2005, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.10. However, Applicants are filing their response within two (2) months of the mailing date of the Office Action in order to obtain an advisory opinion from the Examiner. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.